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In Re Application Of:
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2001. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by January 22, 2002. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the time period for response to April 22, 2002. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 26, 34 and 50.

Please add new claims 51-56 as follows.

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51. (New) A titanium metal dental implant, comprising:
a head portion for receiving a dental restoration component;

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